

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the application:

1.-13. Canceled.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a patient with a solid tumor cancer selected from the group consisting of malignant melanoma, stomach cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer or leukemia, comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of 7-trimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin or 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.

15.-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the compound is 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.

41. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the patient has a solid tumor cancer selected from the group consisting of malignant melanoma, stomach cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, and colorectal cancer.

42. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the solid tumor cancer is malignant melanoma.

43. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the solid tumor cancer is stomach cancer.

44. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the solid tumor cancer is breast cancer.

45. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the solid tumor cancer is ovarian cancer.

46. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the solid tumor cancer is lung cancer.

47. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the solid tumor cancer is colorectal cancer.

48. (New) The method of Claim 41, wherein the compound is 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.

49. (New) A method of treating a patient with a solid tumor cancer, comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of 7-trimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin or 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.

50. (New) The method of Claim 49, wherein the compound is 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.

51. (New) A method of administering a topoisomerase I inhibiting agent to a mammal comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of 7-trimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin or 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.

52. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein the compound is 7-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-10-hydroxy camptothecin.